

Actors dump REAL TEA in the Boston Harbor during a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party on its 244th anniversary

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- The event took place on the 244th anniversary of what eventually kicked off the Revolutionary War in 1773
- The group dumped the tea off of a ship named the 'Beaver,' which was docked at the Old South Meeting House in Boston, Massachusetts
- The tea used was partially donated by London's East India Tea company

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The ship was docked at the Old South Meeting House in Boston, Massachusetts, at the site of The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum.

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'There is nothing more Boston than the Boston Tea Party, and this event changed the history of the world forever,' Shawn Ford the Executive Director of the museum, told [CBS News](#).

'If this event did not happen we could still be British.'

On this night 244 years ago, the Sons of Liberty dumped more than 300 crates of East India Company tea into the Boston Harbor following meetings at the Old South Meeting House.

The group on Saturday also replicated the meetings that took place.



People were dressed in blue coats and hats, with red trim. Some played instruments and others stood on the sidelines near the meeting house.

Several people stepped up to the microphone to recite prepared lines, similar to what might have been said all those years ago. Not everyone was dressed historically accurately, but most got into the full spirit of the event.



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Outside, children braved the chilly weather and carried flags during the event

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'We received over 200 packages, [including] envelopes [and] boxes of all sizes,' Ford said. All of that was dumped into the harbor.

London's East India Tea company also sent hundreds of pounds of expired teas for use at the event. In 1773, 100 colonists dumped about 90,000 pounds of tea into the harbor. That would equate to nearly \$2,000,000 worth of tea, today.



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